

WI-316  
Pratt Phillips House  
Green Hill vicinity  
Private

c. 1915

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## MARYLAND HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN INFORMATION

RESOURCE NAME: Pratt Phillips House

MHT INVENTORY NUMBER: WI-316

### MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DATA

1. Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture

2. Geographic Orientation: Eastern Shore

3. Chronological/Development Period(s): Industrial-Urban Dominance  
1870-1930

4. Resource Type(s): Single family dwelling

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. WI-316

Magi No.

DOE \_\_\_yes \_\_\_no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Pratt Phillips House

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number South side of Whitehaven Road \_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Green Hill \_\_\_x vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Wicomico

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
___ district	___ public	___ occupied	___X agriculture
___X building(s)	___X private	___X unoccupied	___ commercial
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational
___ site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	___ entertainment
___ object	___ in process	___X yes: restricted	___ government
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial
	___X not applicable	___ no	___ military
			___ museum
			___ park
			___ private residence
			___ religious
			___ scientific
			___ transportation
			___ other:

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name H. Lay Phillips

street & number 5480 Catchpenny Road telephone no.:

city, town Quantico state and zip code Maryland 21856

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court liber

street & number Wicomico County Courthouse folio

city, town Salisbury state MD 21801

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date \_\_\_ federal \_\_\_ state \_\_\_ county \_\_\_ local

pository for survey records

city, town state

## 7. Description

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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Pratt Phillips house is a story-and-a-half frame bungalow style dwelling that stands on the south side of Whitehaven Road in the vicinity of Green Hill, Wicomico County, Maryland. The house faces northwest with the gable roof oriented on a northeast/southwest axis.

Built around 1915-20, the story-and-a-half frame, four-room plan main block rests on a raised common bond brick foundation, and the exterior is clad with asbestos shingles. The steeply pitched gable roof is covered with a deteriorated layer of asphalt shingles over wood shingles. Joining the house on the site is a gable-roofed frame garage and the metal frame of a water tower.

The northwest (main) elevation is an asymmetrical facade with a side entrance and tripartite front window sheltered by an engaged porch supported on tapered square columns. The front door is glazed with an rectangular window. The tripartite window includes a center nine-over-one sash, which is flanked by narrower six-over-one sash. The roof slope is dominated by a wide, shed roofed dormer pierced by three nine-over-one sash windows.

The southwest gable end is sheltered by the shed-roofed porch, which stretches across the entire elevation. The first floor wall is pierced by a asymmetrically placed series of openings with side door balanced with a sixteen-pane window that lights the stair landing. The second floor is lighted by a pair of nine-over-one sash windows. The edge of the roof is finished with an extended eave and a closed soffit.

The northeast gable end, on the other hand, is dominated by an exterior brick chimney that pierces the eave. Also distinguishing this gable end is a projecting bay window covered by a shed roof and pierced by three nine-over-one sash windows. The second floor is lighted by a paired set of nine-over-one sash windows. Fixed in the upper gable end is a half round lunette window.

Stretching across the back of the house is a shed roofed addition, and a shed roofed dormer marks the southeast roof slope. An interior brick stove chimney pierces the roof.

The interior is divided into a four-room plan with the stairhall fixed in the southwest corner. It contains a quarter turn stair distinguished by a square newel post finished with a dentiled bed molding under the cap. The newel posts and a series of square balusters support a molded handrail. The stringer is decorated. Fixed underneath the second flight of steps is a built-in seat. A wide door opening featuring a sliding door opens into the adjacent living room. The door and window moldings have a slight crown molding. The northeast room was the dining room and it features a corner fireplace enhanced by a columned mantel. Tuscan columns flank the mirrored overmantel as well as the firebox area pierced by a stove thimble. The dining room is also distinguished by a built-in seat within the bay window. The kitchen is trimmed with beaded edge, vertical board wainscoting.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

### Specific dates

### Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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## PS-2746

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Chain of title

Wicomico County  
Will Book  
MNN 1/55

Last Will and Testament of Isaac T. Phillips

to

Written  
6/18/1926  
Proved  
8/9/1927

- 1) Pratt D. Phillips all that tract where he formerly lived...located on the southeasterly side of and binding upon the county road leading from Catchpenny to Green Hill being the same land conveyed to me by Nellie W. Humphreys and Edmund Humphreys, 10/1/1906, EAT 52/299
- 2) H. Lay Phillips-northwesterly side of county road leading from Catch Penny to Green Hill and on the southwesterly side of and binding on the county road ½ acres conveyed to me by Thomas F. J. Rider, trustee, 3/19/1897, JTT 19/238
- 3) to my two sons Pratt D. Phillips and H. Lay Phillips the said canning house lot

JTT 19/238

Thomas F. J. Rider

to

3/19/1897

Isaac T. Phillips

Decree of Circuit Court, 1/5/1897, Nellie W. Brady vs. George A. H. Woolford, No. 1095

Daniels Adventure

114 acres



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Chain of title continued

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SPT 3/258

Andrew M. Crawford  
Mary W. Crawford

to

2/22/1879

Allison H. Woolford

\$1,000.00

\* Note: This is a second tract involving Isaac T. Phillips

JTT 9/115

Levin L. Waters, trustee

to

8/2/1892

Isaac T. Phillips

Decree of Circuit Court, 9/28/1881, Mutual Fire  
Insurance Company of Somerset and Worcester  
Counties et al. vs. Vincent Moore and Elizabeth  
Moore, being No. 425

\$2,105.00

SPT 1/430

Hampden H. Dashiell, William T. G. Polk, partners  
trading as H. H. Dashiell & Co.

to

5/19/1875

Elizabeth Moore

"Jones Delight" 126 acres \$2,083.30

## 8.1 SIGNIFICANCE

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## FOOTNOTES

1 Wicomico County Register of Wills, MNN 1/55, Written 6/18/1926, Proved 8/9/1927, Wicomico County Courthouse.

2 Burton, R. Lee, Jr. *Canneries of the Eastern Shore*, Centreville, Maryland: Tidewater Publishers, 1986, p. 161.

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Eden, Maryland Quadrangle  
1983



















